

HELP FOR ALL VETERANS

(Mr. COFFMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN. Madam Speaker, in 1969 I did volunteer work at an Army hospital located in Aurora, Colorado, with a Junior Red Cross. This was at the height of the war in Vietnam and wounded soldiers were arriving at the hospital daily. Most were amputees who had lost their legs to mines and booby traps.

Sadly, as America became increasingly divided over the war in Vietnam they also became divided over their support for those who fought in that war. As a result, these wounded soldiers were unappreciated, isolated, and largely forgotten. To make matters worse, after they were stabilized, they were sent for their rehabilitation to VA facilities that were often substandard.

I look forward to using my new leadership position as the chairman for the Oversight and Investigation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to help all veterans who have served our country and have earned our support.

I want to do everything in my power to make sure that our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are never treated like those who returned from Vietnam.

\$1 TRILLION HIKE FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, 2013, brand-new year, brand-new Congress. But what's this year also bringing? How about some brand-new taxes under the Affordable Care Act.

There is a medical device tax that started on January 1 of 2.3 percent on gross sales. This means some of our smallest companies, medical start-up companies, are going to pay a tax not on profits but their gross receipts.

The flexible spending account that many families rely upon to pay for recurring expenses with pre-tax dollars, especially those families with special needs children, those are now capped at \$2,500.

Investment income, a surtax of 3.8 percent for people who earn above a certain level.

Taxes on medical deductions, it rises from a 7.5 percent reduction to 10 percent on adjusted gross income. That means our sickest constituents are going to be paying more taxes.

And then, finally, the Medicare payroll tax hike. For the first time, individuals who earn investment income are going to be paying a payroll tax of .9 percent. There will be an additional .9 percent on other income as well.

Let's be honest, the Affordable Care Act benefits are still over a year away,

but boy, you got a big tax bill January 1.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

(Mrs. BLACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACK. As a nurse for over 40 years, I have spent my career protecting life. As a Congresswoman, I am proud to continue this critical fight for life.

With former Congressman Mike Pence's blessing, I have reintroduced his legislation, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act.

This bill will ensure that no Federal funds are given to Planned Parenthood or any other organization that abuses their privileges as health care providers and fails to protect life.

It is long past time for Congress to respect the will of the American people and to stop taxpayer-funded abortions, a heinous abuse of the law and destruction of innocent life.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for life and to support this important legislation.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 4, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 4, 2013 at 2:35 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 41.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, January 4, 2013:

H.R. 41, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program.

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RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 14, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I respectfully request a leave of absence from the Appropriations Committee in the 113th Congress, effective today.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 14, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: I will be taking a leave of absence from the House Appropriations Committee for the remainder of the 113th Congress.

As you are aware, I was elected by the full Democratic Caucus to serve as the Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence this Congress. I intend to return to the Appropriations Committee in the future.

Thank you for your help with this matter. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

RESIGNATIONS AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY AND OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignations as a member of the Committees on the Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 11, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: In order to join the Committee on Appropriations, I hereby take a leave of absence from my seat on the Committee on the Judiciary, effective today.

Sincerely,

MIKE QUIGLEY,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, January 11, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

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MIKE QUIGLEY,
Member of Congress.